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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB00-801-F 400/003)

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In re the Application of:

Blatt, et al.

Serial No.: 09/740,332

Filed: December 18, 2000

For: ENZYMATIC NUCLEIC ACID
TREATMENT OF DISEASES OR
CONDITIONS RELATED TO HEPATITIS
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) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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) Group Art Unit: 1632
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Sir:

Applicant respectfully request that this amendment be entered prior to examination of the above-mentioned application on the merits. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this response; however, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 132490.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-38, without prejudice to their future prosecution.

Please add the following new claims:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on November 1, 2002.

Date: November 1, 2002

Anita J. Terpstra